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FOUR NEGROES STRUNG UP AND SHOT AT MONTICELLO

Father, Two Daughters and Son Taken From Jail and Put to Death

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

MONTICELLO, Ga., Jan. 15.—A mob composed of about 100 unidentified persons stormed the Jasper county jail here Thursday night about 9 o'clock, overpowered Sheriff James Exell, took the negro away from him, got possession of four negro prisoners, a man, his two daughters and one son, and marching them to a tall pine tree a half-mile distant, lynched them one at a time. The negroes were hanged by the same rope and the body of each was riddled with bullets.

Dan Barber, his son, Jesse Barber, and two daughters, Viola Charles and Ella Charles, the victims of the mob, were taken in custody by Sheriff Exell Wednesday night, after they had roughly handled Chief of Police J. F. Williams, of Monticello.

The chief of police went to Barber's home to raid a blind tiger, which he had been informed was operated there by Barber, who was a notorious character. The chief was alone. He found Barber, his son, his two daughters and five other negro men there carousing.

The chief of police, single handed, made to arrest, but a few minutes later, when the roughly Williams off his guard, the members of Barber's family assaulted him. Barber struck his pistol from his pocket, held it to the chief in the face of the chief while his sixteen-year-old son and two daughters beat the officer about the face and body with their fists and sticks.

Dan Barber notified the chief that after they finished beating him they would kill him, and it is said he fired one or two shots at the officer's head.

A passing negro heard the shots and not knowing what was happening rushed to the sheriff with the news that a shooting affair was in progress at Barber's home. Sheriff Exell hurried there alone. When he walked into the door the negro Barber and his son and two daughters were engaged in beating the chief.

Sheriff Exell, with pistol in hand, rounded up the gang and held them until he could send for some deputies.

Fearing that there might have been a repetition of the outrageous treatment accorded the chief by the negroes, who were notorious for their lawlessness, and the feeling culminated in the lynching Thursday night.

Sheriff Exell, Deputy D. C. Tomlinson and one or two other persons were in the sheriff's office at the jail Thursday night about 8 o'clock when the door was opened and a large body of masked men pushed in. Two or three of them grabbed the sheriff while others went through his pockets and took the jail keys. Other members of the mob held Deputy Tomlinson and the other persons in the sheriff's office at bay with drawn pistols.

While the officers were being detained by one part of the mob the other part went through the jail and took Barber, his son and daughters out of their cells.

The five other negroes arrested at Barber's home, but who took no part in the assault on Chief Williams, were not taken out.

Barber's daughters were hanged first. The son came third and Barber last. His body was left hanging; the three other bodies being piled just beneath his feet.

The town is quiet today.